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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) Medium according to Claim 1, characterized in that the proportion of compounds of the formula I in the mixture as a whole is from 5 to 50% by weight.
5. (Amended) Medium according to Claim 2, characterized in that the proportion of compounds of the formulae II to VIII in the mixture as a whole is from 20 to 80% by weight.
7. (Amended) Medium according to Claim 2, characterized in that X^0 is F or OCF_3 , and Y^2 is H or F.
8. (Amended) Medium according to Claim 1, characterized in that, in the compound of the formula I, Y is OCF_3 or CF_3 .

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